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SUBJECT:US SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOLS TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS

REF; STATE 293691

1. ACTING SECRETARY HAS SIGNED FULL POWER AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOLS BY AMBASSADOR WARNER. TEXT OF FULL POWER CONTAINED IN PARA 6 BELOW. PLEASE CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE SWISS OFFICIAL.
2. US SIGNATURE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THREE STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING. PARA 5 BELOW CONTAINS TEXT OF NOTE CONVEYING US STATEMENTS. PLEASE CONVEY NOTE TO APPROPRIATE SWISS OFFICIAL. ORAL STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR DURING SIGN-
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ING CEREMONY IS NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR US SIGNATURE AND AMBASSADOR'S PARTICIPATION ON SHORT NOTICE.
4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT INDICATING WHICH COUNTRIES

SIGN AND ANY FORMAL STATEMENTS SUBMITTED AT TIME OF SIGNATURE.

5. TEXT OF NOTE;

THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM IT THAT THE TWO PROTOCOLS TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF AUGUST 12, 1949 RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICTS, WILL BE SIGNED TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS SIGNATURE IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

A. PROTOCOL I

1. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THIS PROTOCOL WERE NOT INTENDED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON AND DO NOT REGULATE OR PROHIBIT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT THE PHRASE "MILITARY DEPLOYMENT PRECEDING THE LAUNCHING OF AN ATTACK" IN ARTICLE 44, PARAGRAPH 3, MEANS ANY MOVEMENT TOWARDS A PLACE FROM WHICH AN ATTACK IS TO BE LAUNCHED.

B. PROTOCOL II
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IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT THE TERMS USED IN PART III OF THIS PROTOCOL WHICH ARE THE SAME AS THE TERMS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 8 OF PROTOCOL I SHALL SO FAR AS RELEVANT BE CONSTRUED IN THE SAME SENSE AS THOSE DEFINITIONS.

THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THAT YOU CIRCULATE THE TEXT OF THIS NOTE TO THE STATES PARTY TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

6. TEXT OF FULL POWER:

I INVEST MARVIN L. WARNER, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, OR AMBASSADOR GEORGE H. ALDRICH, WILL FULL POWER AND AUTHORITY FOR AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SIGN TWO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF

AUGUST 12, 1949, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS
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DECEMBER 12, 1977, THE SAID PROTOCOLS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR HIS
RATIFICATION BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND
CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BE AFFIXED
AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
THIS TENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1977. (SIGNED) WARREN
CHRISTOPHER, ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE. CHRISTOPHER

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